

Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)

Minutes

October 19, 2011

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:35 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen and Carlton Zentner were also present. County Board Chairman John Molinaro was also present. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:44 a.m. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Dennis Vollmer, NRCS; and Dave Terrall were also in attendance.

2. Roll call (establish a quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of the October agenda:

The October agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and approval of the September 21, 2011 meeting minutes:

Burow made a motion to approve the September 21, 2011 meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

6. Citizens comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Animal Damage Claims – budgets & prices – Dave Terrall

Dave Terrall gave a brief overview of the Animal Damage Claims program. He presented the LWCC proposed 2011 crop prices and the 2012 Jefferson WDACP Preliminary Budget. See attached.

Zentner moved and Christensen seconded to approve the 2011 crop prices as proposed. Motion carried, 4/0.

Burow moved and Zentner seconded to accept the 2012 Jefferson WDACP Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion carried, 4/0.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

9. Discussion and possible action on proposed Highway Department location on the county farm:

Watkins distributed an aerial photo depicting the approximate acreage that would be needed for the proposed wood screening for site C2 on the county farm. See attached. There are approximately 20 acres of additional ground that would be needed for the screening.

10. Discussion and possible action on information regarding land values

Burow said he contacted Dawn Gunderson, Ehlers and Associates, regarding the land values information. Gunderson informed Burow that she has been moving offices and has not had a chance to go through all the information provided to her by the county. Watkins will email her the aerial photo depicting the approximate acreage needed for screening. Molinaro stated that it will probably be December before the LWCC receives any reports regarding the land values.

11. Notice of Non-Compliance with the Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

Paul Lukas requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zentner moved and Christensen seconded to approve Paul Lukas's Voluntary Notice of Non-participation which will allow him to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program database. Motion carried, 4/0.

12. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) financial report:

Copies of the latest Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for LWCD were distributed. See attached. There is an anticipated \$40,000 surplus in the 2011 budget, due primarily from the employee contributions and vehicle acquisitions at a reduced rate.

13. Correspondence:

Watkins informed the committee of the upcoming 2011 WLWCA Annual Conference. See attached. The conference will be held on December 8 & 9 in the Wisconsin Dells. Extra registration forms are available in the LWCD if committee members are interested in attending.

Burow stated that he received a letter from the DNR regarding Cold Spring Egg Farm's discharge permit reapplication. The DNR plans on approving the permit.

14. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the members that the next scheduled meetings of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, discussion and possible action on proposed Highway Department location on the county farm, and discussion and possible action on information regarding land values, Notices of Non-compliance, WLWCA/WALCE merger and fees, and Highway 12 by-pass route.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Zimmerman and seconded by Christensen at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried, 4/0.